

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~The present invention concerns a~~ A strip for safeguarding a document ~~and a document that incorporates such a strip, comprising~~ The strip includes a support on which there is formed in the longitudinal direction of the strip an alternation of ~~generally~~ metallised regions and ~~generally~~ transparent regions. ~~said The alternation being capable of establishing~~ establishes a macro-contrast on a ~~scale identified as global at the level of~~ the document to be safeguarded in such a way as to constitute protection against reproduction of the document. ~~documents with which the strip will be associated, characterised in that the~~ The strip also ~~comprises~~ includes optically active elements in association with the ~~generally~~ metallised regions and/or the ~~generally~~ transparent regions of the strip to produce an optical effect on a micro-contrast scale ~~identified as detail at the level of~~ on the document to be safeguarded. ~~said The optical effect making it possible to constitute~~ provides a recognisable sign for identifying ~~said the~~ document. ~~The present invention finally concerns a security document incorporating a strip as set forth hereinbefore.~~